

# Wray Common Primary School Newsletter



Inspiring Lifelong Learning

## LET THE NEW TOPICS BEGIN!

The start of a new half term always brings with it the exciting beginnings of the new topics in each year group. This half term, Year 6 are studying World War 2, Year 5's topic is 'Go With the Flow' where they will be carrying out river studies, Year 4 are being 'Bright Sparks' and Year 3 are studying the 'Active Planet'. It is all about 'Dungeons and Dragons' for Year 2 and Year 1 are looking at 'Super Humans' and the 'Enormous Crocodile'. Finally, our Reception classes are taking a giant step into Space. Here are some photos from this week showing how the topics got underway.



'Portals to the Past' delivered a series of WW2 workshops to our Year 6 children.



Year 5 were 'messaging about' with boats this week as they were literally immersed in their new topic, 'Go With the Flow'.



In preparation for tonight's fireworks and looking to the night sky as part of their Space topic, Reception had some messy fun with paint to make beautiful firework pictures.

Year 2 received a very exciting package on Monday containing Redhill Ridgeback dragon eggs! What a way to begin 'Dungeons and Dragons'.



## GREENSAND MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

### Enriching Children's Lives

*A message from Pam Day, our Chair of Governors:-*

As you will be aware, we have been working with local schools over the last two years to form a multi-academy trust. I am now delighted to inform you that, as from the 1st November, we have formed and are part of the Greensand Multi-Academy Trust, along with Dovers Green School, Holmesdale Community Infant School and Reigate School. Current developmental work on the St. John's Primary School buildings has delayed their academy conversion, but they will continue to work in close partnership with us and officially join the trust in the near future. By joining together a small group of great local schools, the trust aims to:

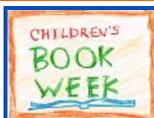
- Enrich children's lives
- Improve the educational outcomes of the children in our schools
- Ensure financial security in a time of significant economic challenges in the public sector
- Collaborate in recruiting, developing and retaining the very best teachers and school workforce
- Provide further opportunities for the children and their families in our community of schools to participate in the arts, sport and charity work.

This represents an exciting new chapter for us as we work more closely with other schools in the MAT, further improving teaching and learning for the children of Wray Common and the wider local community. On behalf of the governing body, I would like to thank Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Newton for their support and efforts in achieving this.

... and a huge thank you from the school to Pam Day who has been an integral part in achieving our academy status.

## BOOK WEEK IS COMING!

Wray Common will be celebrating Book Week during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be visited by the author, Paul Geraghty, author of the Hoppameleon and other illustrated books. During the afternoon of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be inviting parents/carers in to school to share books and stories with their children from 2:30 p.m. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Children in Need Day, children are being asked to come to school dressed as a book character and the £1 donation will go straight to Children in Need. Don't forget that the Book Fair will be running from Monday to Wednesday that week too.



## PUPIL PREMIUM



Please help us to maximise our funding so that we can continue to provide a high quality education for your children.

As you will know, school funding nationally is very tight at the moment. It has never been more important for us to ensure that we are receiving the maximum amount of funding that we are entitled to. With the advent of Universal Infant Free School Meals, it is no longer necessary for parents/carers of children in Reception and KS1 to provide proof of receipt of certain benefits to enable them to receive free school meals. However, to qualify for Pupil Premium, which is worth £1,320 per annum for every eligible child, the school still needs that proof. It's very easy for the school to check eligibility - we just need you to give us your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Number on a form (which is attached to this newsletter) which you need to sign and hand to the school office. Even if you are not sure if you qualify, please fill the form out anyway - we can check. Please do not be embarrassed or feel that your child will be identifiable in any way as a child who is eligible for Pupil Premium - it will simply mean that the school will receive the funding that it is entitled to and, of course, your child will benefit from this extra funding as will all our children. If you would like a hard copy of the form, please ask at the school office. Thank you.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations everyone!  
Attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term was 97% - bang on target! Keep up the good work!



## FRIENDS FIREWORKS

The wait is over - the Friends Fireworks Spectacular is tonight! We can't wait to see you all here later for what promises to be an amazing and fun-filled evening. Gates open at 5:30, with the fireworks display at 6:30 p.m. There will be plenty of food and beverages to enjoy and of course lots of glow products to buy, so wrap up warm and come and join the fun. If you haven't got your tickets yet, they will be available to buy on the gate. We ask for your co-operation please, by not parking in Kendal Close or the top end of Windermere Way, as we must have access to and from the school for emergency vehicles. Thank you.

## HONOUR BOOK



<b>1VG</b>	Stanley Hollister Ella Daley Erin Simpson	For a fantastic attitude towards all learning, especially writing. For a super attitude when using numicon to find the missing number. For having great enthusiasm for her learning especially when writing 'Baboon on the Moon'.
	William Rustige	For super effort when balancing calculations.
<b>1W</b>	Mary Fairhurst Harry Low	For trying hard to include interesting adjectives in her writing. Well done! For his determination when reflecting and improving on his own writing.
<b>2E</b>	Frankie Taylor Katie Carter	For working with such focus during his writing in English. For fantastic writing for two whole weeks - descriptive paragraphs using rich language.
<b>2M</b>	Polly Simmons Askira Ojunta	For her excellent effort researching Anne Frank. For using conjunctions to extend her description of a forest.
<b>2ML</b>	Jack Lambert Izaak Heaton	For fantastic language including expanded noun phrases in his forest writing. For fantastic description of a stormy sea.
<b>3R</b>	Niamh Davidson	For trying incredibly hard to use fronted adverbials in her instructions explaining how to catch a prehistoric beast.
	Ellie-Mae Williams	For cracking subtraction with renaming this week. My goodness, it was tricky stuff!
<b>3W</b>	Benito Piraino Harley Broes Calum Berry Jack Bromham	For using creative ideas for how to capture a prehistoric beast. For using creative ideas for how to capture a prehistoric beast. For keeping focused on his writing and finishing his spooky setting description. For using vocabulary that scared Miss Williams!
<b>4E</b>	Aneira Shelton Alexis Samuels	Great work in creating her own persuasive letter to Mr. Murphy. For her great enthusiasm and fantastic recall of the work covered in the Temples, Tombs and Treasures topic.
<b>4RW</b>	Billy Kirk	A fantastic attitude towards learning and a willingness to try everything even if he finds it hard at first.
	Lee Handscomb	For persevering with his Maths learning until he was able to clearly explain the renaming process.
<b>5B</b>	Joshua King Beth Perrett Layla Mehmood	For working hard when finding factors and multiples in Maths. For excellent contributions and progress in French. For great work during the last half term on her 'doubles'.
<b>5M</b>	Adam Dansie Daniel Jones William Wells Charlie Benham	For super effort in English, writing myths. For super effort in English, writing myths. For excellent contributions and progress in French. For writing a great myth including relative clauses, expanded noun phrases, speech and subordinating conjunctions.
<b>5W</b>	Emily Gunning Jayden Acquaah-Harrison Isaac King	For her amazing focus during writing. For great prediction about what was in Pandora's Box. For excellent contributions and progress in French.
<b>6B</b>	Sienna Khaled Kyle Hussey Matthew Ainsworth	For pushing herself to use detailed and descriptive vocabulary. For pushing himself to use detailed and descriptive vocabulary. For super effort in his responses to reading.
<b>6C</b>	Ibrahim Kamara Stephen Cordingley Haris Shahid	For enthusiasm when writing his PGL report, using a wide range of vocabulary. For working really hard to develop his use of long division to solve problems. For producing a fantastic Mayan mask with creative use of designs and colours.
<b>6R</b>	Jonas Penton	For the most amazing introduction using wonderful description and punctuation.
	Skye Braithwaite Roshni Patel	For using an appropriate strategy to efficiently divide complicated problems. For the detail and design techniques she used to create her Mayan mask.

**Well Done!**

### FRIENDS' FUNDRAISING

#### PUDDINGS

Don't forget to order your puddings! Order forms are available from the school office. Get your orders in so you are not disappointed as these puddings are truly delicious! From Christmas Puddings to Chocolate Puddings, there is something to suit everyone's taste.

### FRIENDS' AGM

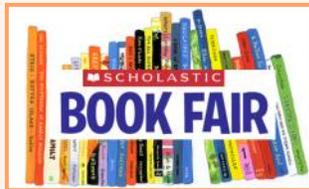
The Friends of Wray Common would like to invite everyone to come along to this year's AGM\Friends meeting which will take place upstairs at The Cage in Reigate, Wednesday Nov 8th from 7:00 p.m. If you would like to know what we do, or how to get involved, then please come along, we'd love to see you!

## BOOK FAIR POSTER COMPETITION

Don't forget to get your entries in for the Scholastic Book Fair Poster Competition. Please remember to include the following information on your poster:

Scholastic Book Fair  
13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November  
2:45 - 3:45

Please hand the finished posters to your class teachers by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the latest with your child's name and class on the back. There will be one winner from each year group and each winner will be able to choose a free book to the value of £7 from the Book Fair. Winning posters will be seen in the hall during the week of the fair. Everyone who takes part will earn a bookmark for entering, so what have you got to lose? Please note that the Fair cannot go ahead without parental help. Please let the office know if you are able to help during the fair. Thank you.



## ESAFETY REMINDER

In order to keep our children safe, please can we remind parents that any photos taken on school premises should not be posted on social media sites. We also would like to remind parents that most social networking sites (including Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and musical.ly) require users to be over 13 years of age before they can create and use an account.

## DATES FOR NEXT WEEK

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Netball Match away to Priory School 4:00p.m.
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Friends Committee Meeting  
and AGM The Cage in Reigate 7:00 p.m.
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 trip to Hever Castle (during school hours)  
Year 6 Sports Leader Training at St. Bede's. 8:30 a.m.  
Let's Sing Together Concert at Reigate Baptist Church 6:30 p.m.  
(rehearsal at Reigate School - children to be dropped off at Reigate School at 9:15 a.m.)



## ...and finally the RANGERS REPORT

We had a fantastic week at Camp Glide during the half term break. It was great to see some of our familiar faces as well as meeting new children too! With it being Halloween this week, it has been very busy at Rangers. We have been pumpkin carving and making some wobbly jelly.

